

## Conceptual Design Services – Approval of Conceptual Designs

**Policy Reference:** OE-13: The superintendent shall assure that physical facilities support the accomplishment of the board's **Results** policies, are safe and properly maintained.

**Background Information:** The Long-term Plan was submitted to the Board on February 16, 2013 which included a conceptual design process in the newly developed Educational Specifications. A capital plan was approved on September 30, 2013, revised July 28, 2014, which includes several new facilities. A solicitation for conceptual design services resulted in the December 17, 2013, hiring of SHW Group, LLC (now Stantec) to develop conceptual designs for a new middle / intermediate school model, a new elementary school model, a replacement facility for Horry County Education Center, and additions / renovations to North Myrtle Beach Middle School and Midland Elementary.

A Steering Committee was appointed to lead the conceptual design process. Those members included: Joe DeFeo, Harvey Eisner, Jeffrey Garland, Neil James, Janice Morreale, Cynthia Elsberry, Dottie Brown, Cindy Ambrose, Traci Hogan, H.T. Lee, Barbara Schlidt, Janice Christy, and James LaPier. Rick Maxey, Matt Dean, and Mark Wolfe participated as ex-officio members.

Since that time, SHW Group (Stantec) has led the Steering Committee process as required by the Educational Specifications, and is presenting designs resulting from the Steering Committee's work. These designs apply to the following projects for approval:

- 1) North Myrtle Beach Middle School Additions and Renovations
- 2) Midland Elementary School Additions and Renovations
- 3) New Facility for St. James Middle / Intermediate School
- 4) New Facility for Carolina Forest Middle School
- 5) Replacement Facility for Socastee Elementary School
- 6) New Facility for Myrtle Beach Intermediate School
- 7) New Facility for Socastee Middle School

The Horry County Education Center project received additional information at the last Steering Committee meeting on August 4, 2014. HCS staff is currently working through the program and additional design information will be presented to the Board at a later date.

**For Additional Information:** Please contact Mark Wolfe at 488-6967, Matt Dean at 488-6575 or Dr. Rick Maxey at 488-6774.

**Recommended Action:** Move to approve Conceptual Designs for the above stated seven (7) projects and proceed with the traditional delivery methodology of design / bid / build. The next course of action for HCS Facilities staff is to advertise for qualifications from architectural firms to complete the design process. Three designs are to be included in this initial solicitation including North Myrtle Beach Middle additions / renovations, Midlands Elementary School additions / renovations, and the new middle school model.